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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORALLY TO FAHMY ON MY BEHALF.

2. BEGIN MESSAGE:

I HAVE HAD FULL REPORT FROM YOU OF YOUR TALK WITH FAHMY
FOLLOWING YOUR RETURN FROM CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE FAHMY'S POSITIVE REACTION AND HIS
UNDERSTANDING OF THE POSITION WE ENVISAGE TAKING WITH
RESPECT TO NEXT WEEK'S SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. OUR OVER-
RIDING OBJECTIVE IS TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING NEGOTIATING
FRAMEWORK AND TO ASSURE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE COUNCIL
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DEBATE KEEP OPEN THE POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS.

AS YOU TOLD FAHMY, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO INITIATE EFFORTS
DESIGNED TO MOVE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS FORWARD FOLLOWING
THE DEBATE AND THE VISIT LATER THIS MONTH OF PRIME MINISTER

RABIN. WE WILL MAKE THIS PUBLICLY CLEAR AT AN APPROPRIATE
TIME DURING OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SECURITY COUNCIL
PROCEEDINGS.

I HAVE GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO THE IDEA FAHMY DIS-
CUSSED WITH YOU OF INTRODUCING AN EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION
ALONG THE LINES HE INDICATED TO YOU. I FULLY RECOGNIZE
THAT THIS SUGGESTION IS MOTIVATED BY A DESIRE TO EXERCISE
A MODERATING AND CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE OVER THE COURSE
OF THE DEBATE, AND A DECISION AS TO HOW TO PROCEED IS OF
COURSE ONE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT TO TAKE. IN RESPONSE
TO FAHMY'S REQUEST FOR MY VIEWS, HOWEVER, MY ADVICE WOULD
BE THAT EGYPT NOT TAKE THIS INITIATIVE. THE IDEAS ON A
RESOLUTION WHICH HE GAVE TO YOU, WHILE CERTAINLY MODERATE
IN COMPARISON WITH INDICATIONS OF WHAT OTHERS HAVE IN MIND,
NEVERTHELESS GO IN THE DIRECTION OF CHANGING THE EXISTING
BASIS AND FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS RATHER THAN REAFFIRM-
ING THAT BASIS AS WE HAVE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD DO.
FURTHERMORE, ONCE AN EGYPTIAN DRAFT WERE INTRODUCED, THERE
WOULD BE PRESSURES TO MOVE FURTHER IN THAT DIRECTION IN
THE GIVE-AND-TAKE OF COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS. I DO NOT
THINK IT IN EITHER OF OUR INTERESTS FOR US TO BE PUT IN
THE POSITION OF HAVING TO VETO AN EGYPTIAN-SPONSORED
RESOLUTION.

HAVING SAID THIS, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE WE
ATTACH, AS I AM SURE FAHMY DOES, TO REMAINING IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER AS THE SITUATION IN THE SECURITY
COUNCIL DEVELOPS.

FINALLY, PLEASE GIVE ISMAIL MY WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS.
END MESSAGE. KISSINGER

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